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(*d*) None. Admissions to the secondary training class in Hospet have to be made only in alternate years. According to this arrangement, admissions should have been made in 1931–32; but of the 11 candidates who applied in that year only two were qualified for admission. This number being too small, no junior class was formed.

(*e*) A secondary training class was not opened in the Government Training School, Hospet, in 1932–33 as the number of candidates who applied for training in that class was only three, and as one of these was admitted into the Training School, Bellary.

Public Works

Qualifications of the Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras.

* 465 *Q.*—Mr. V. T. ARASU: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the qualifications of the present Consulting Architect to the Government of Madras; and

(*b*) the date on which, and the period for which, the appointment was made?

A.—(*a*) (1) Fellow of the Incorporated Association of Architects and Surveyors (F.I.A.A.).

(2) Associate of the Indian Institute of Architects (A.I.I.A.).

(3) Practical experience of more than ten years as Director of Town-Planning, Madras.

(*b*) On 30th January 1932 afternoon. The appointment has not been made for any definite period. The Director of Town-Planning holds the post of Consulting Architect in addition.

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know whether the hon. Minister is aware of the fact that F.I.A.A. is nowhere recognized as a suitable qualification for appointment as the Consulting Architect, as the R.I.B.A.? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I am not aware."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" May I know if the hon. Minister is aware of the fact that F.I.A.A. can be obtained by any layman by payment of a certain fee? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I know nothing about it."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" In that case, may I know whether the Government have made enquiries and satisfied themselves that the present incumbent is fully qualified to hold the post of Consulting Architect? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I presume he can do the work to which he has been appointed."

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know if the Government have advertised before making this appointment and called for applications from qualified people?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"No advertisement has been made."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether the Government are aware that there are men available in the Madras Presidency who are fully qualified, being Members of the Royal Institute of British Architects?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I do not know whether there are men available or not."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know if the present incumbent has applied to Government for leave in order to proceed to England and qualify himself hereafter?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"I am not aware of it."

Mr. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"If the Government know that qualified men are available will they call for applications?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"If there is necessity, they will do so."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know if the Government first ascertained whether this gentleman is fully qualified or not?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"They thought that he could do the work."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"Do the Government think that any one can do that work?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Not any one, but one who is qualified to do the work."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know if the Government are satisfied that this gentleman is qualified to do the work?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"If they were not satisfied, they would not have appointed him."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know why applications were not called for?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"Because this gentleman was thought fit for the post by the Government, and the Government did not think it necessary to call for applications."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—"May I know whether Government came to the conclusion that this gentleman has the necessary qualification for the post of Consulting Architect?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"At the time of the appointment, he was considered fit to occupy the post."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Is it as a matter of retrenchment that they combined the appointment of the Director of Town-Planning with that of the Consulting Architect?"

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"That is so, Sir."

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Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" May I know the additional remuneration paid for holding the post of Consulting Architect? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" I think he is paid Rs. 200 for the additional work."

Mr. V. T. Arasu:—" If such an amount is paid, where does retrenchment come in? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Instead of appointing a full-time officer, only an allowance is paid to this officer for the additional work."

Local Self-Government

Cases of alleged irregularities in the conduct of elections to local bodies.

* 466 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the districts are in which taluk and district board elections have been held so far under the amended Act;

(*b*) how many petitions from candidates alleging irregularities and other defects in the conduct of elections were received by Government from each of the districts in which local board elections have been held;

(*c*) how the Government disposed of those petitions;

(*d*) whether the Government ordered re-election in any case; and

(*e*) if so, in how many cases and on what grounds?

A.—(*a*) Except for 2 circles in the Tanjore Taluk Board and for the District and Taluk Boards in the Kistna district, elections have been completed in all the districts in the Presidency.

(*b*) & (*c*) Numerous petitions were received, some by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and others by Government. In a few cases, Government set aside the orders of the Election Officers irregularly accepting or rejecting nomination papers. In some cases, where the poll had been stopped before the prescribed hour owing to the unruly behaviour of the mob outside the polling stations or other causes, a continuation poll was ordered in those stations on a fresh date fixed by the Inspector or the Government. Government ordered a fresh poll only in one case, as it was reported that a continuation poll ordered for 2 hours had proved infructuous.

(*d*) The answer is in the negative.

(*e*) The question does not arise.

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—" In answer to clauses (*b*) and (*c*), it is said, ' Numerous petitions were received, some by the Inspector of Municipal Councils and others by Government.' In view of that, may I know what steps the Government propose to take to minimize the irregularities? "